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TO: School Food Authorities

FROM: Pat Cook, Consultant
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SUBJECT: Language Translation

In a memorandum from USDA dated December 23, 2005, described the requirement that communications with households regarding application, certification and verification procedures for free and reduced price school meals be provided in languages that are understandable to parents and guardians. This requirement is found in section 9(b)(8) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. We would also like to remind and stress to local education agencies (LEA) that this requirement includes verification materials and statements concerning the use or disclosure of information, including the use of social security numbers. In addition, to the maximum extent practicable, any direct communication with parents or guardians must be in a language they can understand.

To assist LEAs with providing communications in other languages, USDA has submitted the prototype application and related materials to a contractor for translation. USDA requested input from State agencies through our Regional offices, and the following are the languages into which the prototype application and related materials will be translated:

Arabic	Hmong	Samoan
Cambodian/Khmer	Japanese	Serbo-Croatian
Chinese (Mandarin)	Korean	Somali
Farsi	Kurdish	Sudanese
French	Laotian	Tagalog
Greek	Polish	Thai
Haitian Creole	Portuguese	Urdu
Hindi	Russian	Vietnamese

Please note that the Spanish translation of the prototype application is already available on our website, and as these additional translations are completed during April, we will be making them available at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/FRP/frp.process.htm>.

If you have any questions, please contact Nevada Department of Education office.